

ing one term shall not become effective before the next term." This would make it perfectly clear that a salary increase could be passed, but simply that it would not be effective until the following term.

I think it more accurately sets forth the position of the Committee.

THE PRESIDENT: Are there any questions of the sponsor of the amendment? Is there any discussion?

Delegate Hardwicke.

DELEGATE HARDWICKE: Delegate Gallagher, in the provisions with respect to legislative transitional matters, there is presently a plan to put in the salary amount, I understand.

Now, could there not be a salary increase enacted during the current term, if you use this particular language, which then could not become effective before the next term?

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: We certainly do not contemplate that this constitutional language would be read so as to be disallowed by section 3.09. It is our intention that the transition legislation would bring about an increase to eight thousand dollars for the present members of the General Assembly and could commence paying it July 1, 1968. I think that is specifically set forth in the language.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Hardwicke.

DELEGATE HARDWICKE: It seems to me that this has a particular problem that you did not have before because this language "during one term" may foreclose our making a legislative type exception, which is what the schedule of legislation does.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Gallagher.

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: I think we had gotten around that by providing in the transition legislation or schedule that the increase shall be effective on July 1, 1968, which it seems to me has to be considered to be an exception to 3.09 as it appears in this language we have before us.

If there is any problem there, I think the thing to do is to clarify the transitional legislation rather than try to change this particular constitutional section.

THE PRESIDENT: If the Chair may interrupt, Delegate Hardwicke's difficulty, I am sure, is that the compensation provision for members of the General Assembly is in the schedule of legislation, not in

the schedule of transitional provisions. I think the matter can be handled by a clarifying phrase or sentence in the schedule of transitional provisions which would make it clear that the prohibition in this section did not prevent the application of the section in the schedule of legislation.

Delegate Hardwicke, can the Chair impose on you to flag that for the two staff members, staff advisors who are working on the schedule of transitional provisions?

DELEGATE HARDWICKE: Yes, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you.

Is there any further discussion?

Delegate Clagett.

DELEGATE CLAGETT: A question of Delegate Gallagher.

What is meant by "one term"? Does it refer to the term of individual legislator, or of the General Assembly, or what?

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: The meaning of the term is the four-year period to which one is elected.

THE PRESIDENT: Could you remove any possible doubt, if it is necessary, by using the language which you had in the previous section and instead of saying "term" say "term of office"?

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: That would be quite acceptable, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: Does that meet your problem, Delegate Clagett?

Can the amendment be considered modified by inserting the words "of office" after "term" in line 7? Is there any objection?

If there is no objection, the amendment is so modified.

Is there any further discussion? Are you ready for the question?

*(Call for the question.)*

The question arises now on the adoption of Amendment No. 9 to Committee Recommendation LB-1, LB-2, and LB-3, as amended by S&D-16. A vote Aye is a vote in favor of Amendment No. 9. A vote No is a vote against.

Cast your votes.

*(Whereupon, a roll call vote was taken.)*

THE PRESIDENT: Has every delegate voted?